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PROBABLE IRAQI AIRCRAFT DELIVERY  
 ASH SHUAYBAH PORT FACILITIES SHUAIBA, KUWAIT

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST OBSERVATION OF SOVIET-MANUFACTURED MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN ASH SHUAYBAH. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE PROBABLY FOR DELIVERY TO IRAQ.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: AT LEAST FIVE PROBABLE FITTER FIGHTER-BOMBER FUSELAGE SHIPPING CONTAINERS, PROBABLY DESTINED FOR OVERLAND TRANSSHIPMENT TO IRAQ, ARE ONBOARD A SOVIET KAPITAN KUSHNARENKO-CLASS MERSHIP, AT ANCHOR IN THE ROADSTEAD. AT LEAST FOUR ADDITIONAL CONTAINERS, POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT COMPONENT SHIPPING CONTAINERS, ARE ALSO ON THE MERSHIP.

THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION OF SOVIET-MANUFACTURED MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN ASH SHUAYBAH. THE IRAQIS HAVE SEVERAL VARIANTS OF FITTER IN THEIR INVENTORY; HOWEVER, THE VARIANT IN THIS SHIPMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED. THE KUWAITI AIR FORCE DOES NOT HAVE FITTER, NOR IS IT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT.

A SOVIET KAPITAN KUSHNARENKO-CLASS MERSHIP, THE "KAPITAN LEV SOLOVEV", WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THE BLACK SEA ON [REDACTED] WITH A CARGO OF THREE FITTER FUSELAGE CRATES, THREE FITTER WING CRATES, THREE FITTER-ASSOCIATED CRATES, AND ONE HELICOPTER ROTOR CRATE. THE VESSEL WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE ARRIVED AT ASH SHUAYBAH [REDACTED] (NOSIC SMA 11-82 112211Z JAN 82 SECRET [REDACTED])

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 29-02-18N 048-09-49E

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